

Three Local Schools Sponsor Conference

The Community Youth Guidance Conference, which will be presented April 29, in Charles McKenny Hall, will help the seniors of the three Ypsilanti High Schools in choosing their vocations. Ten individual groups will meet under the leadership of a capable counselor in an attempt to answer the questions of interested seniors.

The general objectives of the conference will be to serve the youth of Ypsilanti and to promote general community and school cooperation, and good citizenship.

The tentative program is as follows:

1:15 General Program, held in the Ball Room. Topic, Adjustment of youth to changing economic conditions.

2:05 Two groups—Boys and girls Topic, Adjustment to preparedness activities. Emphasis on good citizenship.

2:45 Several Small Groups. Topics, Some specific career. Emphasis on qualities necessary for success and the opportunities in a specific vocation conference.

The conference will be under the sponsorship of Roosevelt, Lincoln, and Ypsilanti High Schools, and the leaders selected, will be unsurpassed in their field. The conference is open to the seniors of the three schools.

Topics to be offered in the small groups as are follows:

1. Bookkeeping and accounting as a vocation
2. Cosmetology as a vocation
3. Engineering of the future
4. Opportunities in aviation
5. Music as a career
6. Opportunities in local plans for the unskilled and semi-skilled
7. Secretarial work as a career
8. Nursing as a career
9. Opportunities in local plants for skilled mechanics
- 10 Teaching as a vocational choice

Large Audiences Attend Plays

Approximately 700 friends of Roosevelt schools watched the annual evenings of one act plays presented by juniors and seniors, March 26 and 27. Four plays were presented each night with several changes in the casts for each performance.

"The Potboiler," a farce by Alice Gerstenberg, opened the program. Senior actors gave their lines from the audience, orchestra pit, and a step-ladder. Juniors then presented "Five for Bad Luck," a comedy with a collegiate background. "Murder on the High Seas" provided the suspense element of the evening with a murder and an interesting solution of the mystery. "The Wonder Hat" closed the evening with comedy and surprise featured.

Ticket sales neared \$150, with 40 per cent of the profits given to the seniors and the remainder to the juniors. The two classes cooperated to sell candy and pop during intermissions.

Roosevelt Plays Host to Sub-district Tomorrow

The Michigan High School sub-district speech contest will be held in the Roosevelt auditorium, Thursday, April 10. Contests will be held in the afternoon and evenings. The contest, held at Roosevelt for the first time in several years, will begin at 3:30 and 7:30. Speakers from Saline, Stockbridge, and Roosevelt will appear.

The declamation contests, both oratorical and dramatic, will be held in the afternoon with oratory and extemporaneous contests scheduled for the evening meetings. A

new state ruling will permit first and second place winners in the school contests to enter the sub-district tournament.

The Roosevelt entries are as follows: oratory, Roger Smith and Helen Williams; declamations, (oratorical) Lucretia Dell and Sam Clark; declamations, (dramatic) Beverly Curtis and Eva Dalton; extemporaneous, Ted Weber and Joan Schrepper.

Saline entries include: oratory, Maurine Harwood and Dot Little; declamations, (oratorical) Bear ce

Nelson and Margaret Finch.

The five Stockbridge entrants are: oratory, Joan Dancer and Norma Hill; extemporaneous, LaVerne Leece; declarations, (oratorical) Georgia Winterrowd; declamations, (dramatic) Josephine Spadafore.

The chairman for the contest is Miss Susan Stinson and the judge is Dr. Harold Dressell of River Rouge. Mr. Leonard Menzi, Roosevelt principal, will open the program with a welcome to the visiting schools.

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Seniors Set Tentative Plans For Boat Cruise

With tentative plans made, Roosevelt seniors are looking forward to a three-day cruise to Niagara Falls, June 5, 6, and 7. The trip will be sponsored by the Detroit and Cleveland Navigation Company and high schools from throughout the state will take over the ship.

Approximately 45 seniors will take the trip which will cost about \$12.50 per student. Under the direction of Bob Hopps, letters have been sent to all parents requesting signed permission.

The cruise ship will leave Detroit on Thursday evening and by early evening, the seniors will be well into Lake Erie. The ship will tie up at Buffalo early Friday morning and the day will be spent seeing Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Fort Niagara on a chartered tour. The ship will head for Detroit Friday evening and dock Saturday morning.

The selection came as a result of two years of thought. Three possible trips had been presented. Excursions to Mackinac Island, Georgian Bay, and the Falls were discussed and because of the chance of adverse weather in the first two instances, the Falls trip seems about to rate approval.

April 11—Vacation Begins.
April 21—School Reopens.
April 21—Third Quarter Marks Released.
April 25—Undecorated Party (tentative)
April 21—Table Tennis Entries Due.
April 23—Track Meet (tentative).

Rough Rider Sponsors Tournament; Table Tennis Entries Close Monday

Directs Speech Tilt



Miss Susan Stinson

Elect Prom Chairmen

At a meeting of the Junior Class, on April 2, Lucy Brand and Gillis Turner were elected to co-chairmen of the Junior-Senior Prom.

The party will be held in Charles McKenny Hall Ballroom during the month of May, and will climax the school's social activities for the year.

Gehring, RHS Grad, Swimming Mentor, To Coach River Rouge Natators

Bob Gehring, coach of Roosevelt's first undefeated swimming team, has been appointed coach of varsity swimming and baseball at River Rouge High School next year. A former Roosevelt student and swimmer, Mr. Gehring has coached the Rough Rider swimmers for two years, sending the team to within a point and a half of the state title.

In his senior year at Roosevelt Mr. Gehring was a member of the team that captured the state swim-

Entries in Roosevelt's first school-wide table tennis tournament must be filed by Monday, April 21, with play scheduled to begin on Wednesday of that week. There will be eight divisions on the tournament, four for junior high and four for senior high. Entries may be filed with the home-room representative of the Student Council up to four o'clock Monday.

Pairings will be made by drawings in this initial tournament. A complete schedule of the first round matches will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the library. First round matches must be completed by Monday, April 28 or forfeited. Tournament matches will have first choice at the able during the duration of the meet.

In all but the final matches, the winner of two out of three games will advance to the next round. There will be senior high boy and girl doubles and the same classes for the junior high. Anyone in Roosevelt may enter and a large turnout is expected. If the tournament is a success from the stand-point of student participation and sportsmanship, an effort will be made to make it an annual event.

All matters concerning rules shall be presented to an executive committee made up of two members of the Rough Rider staff, two members of the Student Council, and a faculty advisor.

ming title. After graduation he attended college and taught swimming in summer camps. Last year he took over the job of tutoring the Rough Rider swimmers. Building for the future, he turned out a team undefeated in dual meet competition this year and which failed to win the state meet by an accident.

By coaching River Rouge, a Class A school, Mr. Gehring will have to oppose the Roosevelt swimmers each year. He will also teach mathematics.

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New Crosses--What Do They Mean?

Over nineteen hundred years ago, a cross stood out against the sky and promised redemption of a harried people.

Today, rows of crosses against the sky are symbolic of the sacrifices millions of men made to save their trembling world.

What will crosses against the sky signify in the World of Tomorrow?

Will they prove that once again, a man or men have had to lay down their lives to save a situation they did not make?

Will they stand as a universal sign of an idealistic peace that may descend upon the world?

Or will they stand merely as a reminder to future generations of the damage small groups can inflict upon their fellow mankind?

Are You Really An Intellectual Bum

I am an intellectual bum!

I wander along the trails of knowledge taking short trips to this point or that, forever searching, seldom finding.

I get from one center of intelligence to another by "hitch-hiking" on the thoughts of this world's great thinkers. Never do I think of an original piece of knowledge that can help carry the world along, but I am always content to ride along with others.

I will never traverse all of the trails of knowledge. I will grope my way from this clump of education to another, but never will I carve a way through the maze that confronts me.

But someday, I may rest happily, knowing to my satisfaction that I have known something of the greater things of life. If I can feel this way, my wanderings shall not have been in vain.

Yet I shall still be known as an intellectual bum.

The Student's Forum

. . . To try to see some humor in everything and not to take life too seriously . . . This is my song of life.

Amy Lou Thomas.

* * *

. . . I am glad that I live in America. I am glad that I can throw a baseball instead of a hand grenade, swing a bat in place of a bayonet, and still have a good time on a baseball diamond instead of front line trenches.

Ross Sunday.

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. . . Glad that I live am I for all the things that America can give me. Blue skies, unblighted by airplanes bent on destruction . . .

Margaret Anne Smith.

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. . . A good home, true friendships and appreciation of arts and nature constitute the best things of life.

Grace Sauers.

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. . . If it were not for the blue sky, the moonlight, summer, fall, winter, spring, and love, there would be no life for me . . . or anyone else. This is my song of life.

Donna Parrish.

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. . . I like to take a deep breath of the cool summer morning air, to see the snow float softly down on a crisp winter evening. I love to feel a tool in my hand, and to be able to look at a piece of work that is well done and say, "That's my accomplishment."

Sam Clark.

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. . . A-men . . . This is my song of life.

Mary Ellen Speer.

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. . . Bees, Birds, Song, and the beautiful scenery (seen from the bar of a blue bicycle). My son

of life.

Patricia Helen Siddall.

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. . . To try to take things as they come along . . .

Myrie Warner.

* * *

. . . To get every line of the plays said without ever missing a word with my students of drama.

Mr. Lane.

. . . —My song is the sunlight. It represents everything to me—health and happiness.

Mary Steimle.

Know Your Money? RHS Students Do

On the back of the two dollar bill, there is a picture of Monticello. Whose picture is on the front?

Roosevelt students evidently know their money for 10 of 15 asked this question answered correctly. The same question was put to a like number of pupils in a large Class A school and but four were able to give the right answer.

Gillis Turner, Jefferson
Roger Smith, Jefferson
Ben Vandenbelt, Jr., Jefferson
Adelaide Smith, Jefferson
Bob Holloway, Jefferson
John Kennedy, Jackson
Mary Steimle, Lincoln
Myrie Warner, Lincoln
Joan Schrepper, Jefferson
Doris Johnson, Adams
Ted Weber, Jefferson
Mac Sanders, Jefferson
Ed Zumbroegel, Jefferson
Betty Cooney, Hamilton
June Bird, Jefferson

An Observer's Opinion

Miss Robinson Finds Dreams are Shattered; Cox Will Wash Celebrities' Faces Anytime

Librarian Margaret Robinson is going to be careful the next time she buys a penny post card and sends for some free material. Last week, she sent for a free book on the "Art of Writing" or some such title. Imagine the suspense that gripped Miss Robinson as she waited, day by day, for the booklet that would form a valuable addition to the library. Then Monday morning it came. Yes, it will be a valuable part of the library if that institution will purchase a microscope with which to read it.

For the extensive book had the outside dimensions of a penny match-box, even a little smaller.

For this corner, we recommend more hearty participation in suring sports. All three will open shortly, but if the track turn-out presages anything, Roosevelt squads will be pitifully weak in reserves this year. Students who can make arrangements to work-out in these sports should let nothing stand in their way.

The recently completed plays proved that sometimes students

can direct with as much originality and finesse as their more experienced teachers. The Potboiler and its unusual ending proved this. With the two Teds popping from the orchestra pit and towering ladder, the audience was completely mystified. And all of this was an invention of the cast.

To Mr. Lappinen and the printers we send another note of thanks. For the last two issues they have had an average of two days to do the necessary work. It has taken a lot of work to get the papers out on time, but the printers did it.

Arlo Cox has washed the face of many a Roosevelt luminary. For it is Cox's self-appointed job to clean the cuts used in the Rough Rider. With a dilapidated toothbrush and some gasoline, Arlo has cleaned up the faces of at least two principals and five teachers. His greatest thrill came when he washed his own face. (Referring of course to the pictures of Arlo run several issues ago.)

THE OUTPOST

Bob Gehring is going to leave Roosevelt. After four years as a student and two as a top-flight coach, Bob will become a coach of an opposing school. It is certainly a compliment to the ability of Bob that he was signed by a Class A School in his first year out of college. The Rough Rider staff wishes Bob a successful tenure as a FULL-FLEDGED VARSITY COACH. That he will be a popular mentor is almost certain. He is never too busy to answer a question no matter how elementary it may be. So good luck, Roosevelt grad, Bob Gehring!

Lost and found is a silly business. The other morning they brought around one tennis shoe. Now of course it didn't belong here at Roosevelt, because there's no one-legged guy around here.

The boy to the Senior Miss: "May God bless you and keep you. I surely can't!"

To be understood is to make sense, to make cents is to make money, to make money is 20 years in jail, so why try to make you understand us anyway.

Senior Girl's definition of a glamour boy: "Tall, blue eyes, blond hair and green backs."

According to Noel Campbell who should know, "a kiss is two divided by nothing". And "Poke" was never very good at figures, mathematically speaking.

What Roosevelt girl thinks in circles and has all the boys surrounded.

One assembly that everyone can look forward to will be the senior assembly. At the present time, the theme is supposedly historical but by tomorrow it may be exactly the opposite. Historians may come and historians may go, but no historian will ever see history presented like the seniors are planning to.

Mr. Wilcox Well Pleased With Roosevelt's Democratic Way

A new citizen in the mist of a democracy can always give a better opinion of the workings of that democracy and its inhabitants than any citizen who has taken an active part in it. Such was the reason for consulting Mr. Wilcox, physics and chemistry instructor and our latest newcomer, and obtaining his impressions of this democratic system and its citizens.

Mr. Wilcox, though new to most Roosevelt students, is not new to Roosevelt, for he was a member of our faculty when this building was first constructed. As far as changes are concerned, however, he says that, though the building itself has been rearranged and a great number of students have passed out of its doors into the world, the school

Eighth Grade Presents Pan-American Assembly

Following the theme of Peace in the Western Hemisphere, the eighth grade Social Studies classes under the direction of Miss Gladys Boyington presented a Pan American program Wednesday. The auditorium was decorated with flags of all the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

The program was opened by the Roosevelt High School Orchestra which played three appropriate numbers.

The first scene was a South American Festival, with bright costumes, a parade, singing, and dancing. This scene portrayed the pre-Lenten festival which all South American countries hold before beginning the Lenten season. It is much like the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. There were booths and flower girls who sold flowers to the men and boys. Marilyn Begole danced a typical South American hat dance, and three songs were sung by students under the direction of Miss Lillian Ashby. Eight students from Mr. Broak's Spanish classes danced.

The next scene was very effective. It was a short play based on the history of the famous monument, Christ of the Andes. The purpose of this was to emphasize the theme of Peace. First, generals were planning a war and had the people stirred up, but the bishops intervened and pleaded for peace. The women of the country followed the plea. Soon all the cannon which were to be used in the war were melted and made into the statue of Christ which is now on a high mountain in South America and is called "Christ of the Andes". The play followed this story, and at the end the statue was unveiled. Gordon Bachman took the part of the statue.

This was followed by a technicolor movie, "Land of the Incas", an American Airways film.

The program was concluded by the audience rising and repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and singing "The Star Spangled Banner"



S. C. President Says - - - - -

Weber Takes Speech Contest

Council Announces New Bulletin Board Service

By Robert Hopps

(Ed. Note—The staff of the Rough Rider has asked the president of the Student Council to write all stories on Council activities. In his first article, he deals with a rule which circumstances forced the Council to pass.)

Students from now on we are going to have bulletin boards that look half-way decent, thanks to a timely bit of legislation on the part of the Roosevelt Student Council. The council members, being rather dissatisfied with the appearance of the present bulletin boards and the type of material placed on them, gave the president power to appoint a Bulletin board committee.

The duties of the committee are as follows:

1. To make sure that everything put on the bulletin board is put there with the committee's consent.
2. To make uniform notices for such cases as lost and found articles.

3. To remove notices from the bulletin board after an event has been held.

4. To make everyone in the school proud of Roosevelt's bulletin boards.

Margaret Jeanne Miller is chairman of the committee with Marion Brand as her assistant.

Meet Herman -Guess Who He Is

Roosevelt, this is Herman. Herman, this is Roosevelt.

A formal introduction for Herman seems in order at this time. He has met members of the freshman and senior classes but because of his charming personality, we take this opportunity to introduce Herman.

He is really a delightful fellow. He has one curious mania, that of wearing white shoes. His white-encased feet are his identification marks. His only other eccentricity is the fact that he wears a fur cat, even in school.

He has a scholarly attitude toward the world in general. He seems particularly interested in scientific subjects. He has been assigned a seat in Miss Mildred Crawford's math class and Miss Crawford has also put his name on her home-room role. In biology, he has a particular interest in the rodent family, catching the tiny creature for further examination.

Proof that he has been formally accepted by Roosevelt society is the fact that he was a guest at a luncheon sponsored by several freshmen.

He takes a deep interest in art and although he was unable to attend the junior-senior plays, he did find time to visit one of the dress rehearsals where his comments aroused the interest of the directors and players.

So Roosevelt, meet Herman the cat. Herman the cat, meet Roosevelt.

system and the character of the students in that system has remained the same.

He was especially complimentary upon the way assembly programs and school parties are handled by the students themselves. Although he has attended but a few of our assemblies and but one of our parties, he believes that the Roosevelt students are displaying great ingenuity in their undertakings, and above all, a democratic spirit.

Mr. Wilcox is very appreciative of the way in which his students have accepted him in their classes. To quote him, he says: "The conduct of the students and the attitude which they have taken has pleased me very greatly."

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Roosevelt's Champion Natators



.....which went undefeated in dual meet competition and finished runner-up in the state Class B swimming final. Coached by Bob Gehring and captained by Arlo Cox, the natators turned in one of the finest records of any Roosevelt team in recent years.

COLUMN

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FULL OF

Listening to Charles Nutting talk, I have come to the conclusion that he is going to be one of the outstanding table tennis players in this country in the near future. If you don't think he will be, just drop around the table downstairs any one of these days, and he will tell you about himself.

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While watching the pole vaulters work out last night it looks as though we will have an ace vaulter on our team before Jim Wingard graduates. For his first year out, Jim looks very good.

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Bright and shining prospects for Coach Leonard Menzi's tennis team are Dave Climer and Ronald Davis, both freshmen. Working out in the gym every night, the pair promise that they will make a crack doubles combination before they leave our sparkling institution.

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Aim of Gillis Turner and Tom Harris: To bring the Class C Doubles, State Championship to Roosevelt School before they graduate with the class of 1942.

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Under inspection by a Student Council committee are various movie cameras. If one is purchased for the school it will be an invaluable aid to the coaches of various sports for developing form and plays.

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Aim of Glen Merryfield: To beat those Lincoln boys in baseball by pitching a no-hit game. (This is to be done for his girl, attending Lincoln High School.)

"Blimp" Leads Team to Grade Championship

With "Blimp" Goldsbury clearing the way, the eighth grade basketball team stands this month as champions of the four lower grades. Johnny led his teammates in both games which gave them the title, but in the final, he poured 11 points through the net to lead the conquest of the tenth grade runners-up, 22-19.

The sophs advanced to the finals by dropping a highly rated freshman team, 16-14. The frosh with Bob Moorman leading the way piled up a first half lead over their rivals but fell to the second half onslaught of the sophs that saw Charles Nutting score six points.

The eighth graders defeated the seventh to go to the finals. In the final, the stamina of the sophs nearly gave them enough edge to win out. The eighth graders led at the half 10-4 by virtue of a smooth breaking offensive which left the sophs a highly tired and disillusioned team at the half. The tenth graders came back in the final half to outscore their opponents but were nevertheless unable to overcome the advantage.

Larry Stahl, '40, Wins Appointment

Larry Stahl, class of '40, has received the first alternate appointment to Annapolis. Larry is attending the University of Notre Dame and took the entrance exam this winter. If the winner should fail to go, Larry will fill his place. By virtue of the examination, Stahl will have to take no entrance exam for attendance.

He ranked highest in algebra, writing a 100 test in this subject.

Stahl is taking an engineering course at Notre Dame and is a member of the freshman track team.

Tennis, Baseball Men Drill

Netters Work For Wins In Toughest Schedule

Ten Letter-winners Bolster Diamond Nine

With five lettermen returning from last year, and a large number of experienced men also turning out, the prospects for a good tennis team are fine. Leading the netters will be Captain Glen Durham, who will probably hold down the number three singles.

Frank Whitehouse, with two varsity letters, and his years of experience, will again take care of the number one singles. Bob Moorman, sensational freshman, will undoubtedly take the number two spot. Bob, having threatened Whitehouse in the city championship last summer, is expected to go to great heights this year, and might even threaten Whitehouse's number one position.

The doubles this year are going to be hotly contested. Tom Harris and Gillis Turne wil likely take the number one doubles, with Bob Ferguson and Brookshire Richardson coming close behind with the number two position. It will be interesting to watch, also, the progress of Bob Chisel and Charles Nutting, who might break through to one of the doubles positions.

Varsity letter winners returning are: Captain Glen Durham, Frank Whitehouse, Bob Ferguson, Tom Harris, and Gillis Turner. Returning from last year also, are: Charles Nutting, Tom Burnett, and Brookshire Richardson. New in competition this year will be Dave Climer and Ronald Davis. Bob Moorman worked out with the team last year, but this will be his first year in active competition.

If the team lives up to expectations, the Huron League cup will rest in the corridor show case.

With ten returning lettermen, and no men lost from last year, the prospects for a good baseball team are bright. Headed by Captain Bob Holloway, the returning lettermen boast such formidable names as: Alf Burrell, Del Seleska, Stan Snodgrass, Glen Merryfield, Phil Fletcher, Bill Huston, John Kennedy, Noel Campbell, and Ross Sunday.

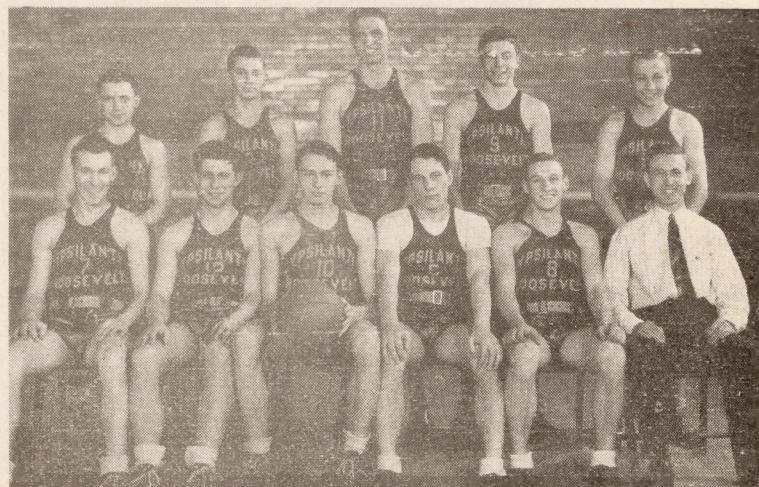
The only draw back this year will be the lack of a practice diamond. Home games have been arranged to be played on Briggs and Recreation Fields. A diamond will probably be constructed on the first flat back of the tennis courts.

Chief difficulty on the squad seems to be the pitching. This was the team's major problem last year, and unless something shows up that was not seen last year, this weakness will have to be overcome by a good defense, and a stronger offense.

Men that did not win varsity letters last year, but that will return this year are: Ray Wingrove, Art Campbell, Bill McCalla, Dick Randall, and Wes Dunn. New this year will be Hugh Ableson, Bud Susterka, George Mitchell, Dick Hosman, Bill Love, George Simons, Ken Robbie, Robert Ensign, Eugene Field, Jim Davis, Wendell Schoolmaster, and Ray Breault.

So, with a total of twenty-seven men reporting at the first practice, and no men lost from last year, a good baseball team is in the offing.

Rough Rider Basketeers



.....which finished high in Huron League standings. With Walter Siera as coach and Bob Hopps as captain, the team swept to several power-house wins.

Signs of Spring - - Ah Yes

Along about this time of year, that is I mean every year, at this time, the children here at RHS receive a notice requesting them to keep their size 14's off the lawn.

The notice for this year has arrived. Bearing the signature of the college, the annual notice reads

as follows: KEEP OFF THE GRASS!

As you may have also observed, the maintenance men have constructed, and put within the reach of the younger tots, some new balance boards, better known as a teeter-totter. Signs of spring—ah yes.